

SENATE BILL 278

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 20, Chapter 12, relative to costs for removal to federal court.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto:

**20-12-145.**

(a) In any case where a petition for removal to federal court under 28 U.S.C. § 1446 is granted, the party who filed the petition to remove shall pay all costs of removal.

(b) In any case where a petition for removal to federal court under 28 U.S.C. § 1446 is granted, costs incurred in state court prior to removal shall be assessed against the parties as provided by state law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.